

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

FHD-777
20th Century

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

20 W. Second Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE ___ MUSEUM
___ COMMERCIAL ___ PARK
___ EDUCATIONAL ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ ENTERTAINMENT ___ RELIGIOUS
___ GOVERNMENT ___ SCIENTIFIC
___ INDUSTRIAL ___ TRANSPORTATION
___ MILITARY ___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story brick synagogue is a twentieth century edifice, four large bays wide and two large bays in depth. It is faced with red pressed brick in common bond atop 6' high cement walls coursed to resemble stone on the front and east facades. The west wall is stuccoed with no windows. On the front and east facades, brick pilasters capped with Ionic capitals and trimmed with egg and dart motif separate and end the bays. The "cornerstone" gives the dates 5683-1922.

The entrance in the right west bay is enclosed by a protruding cement entablature with a paneled enframingent and topped by a keystone. This is round arched and decorated by the Star of David set in stained glass in the infill. The double doors are approached by three cement steps with cast iron, fluted lamp posts supporting gas type lamps. A plaque above the entrance reads "Beth Sholom Congregation."

The three front windows are also round arched with mosaic, Jewish symbols such as the Menorah, Tablets and the Torah displayed in the infills. These windows, as those on the opposite side of the nave, are of wide sections of small panes of amber stained glass with horizontal and vertical mullions. The south facade windows of small amber panes front the east end of the nave.

The flat roof is adorned by mullioned cornices.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

Built 1922

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first members of the Jewish faith to locate in Frederick were probably two brothers and an uncle who arrived from Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1742 along with other German settlers. There are few local records, but the nearest, large congregation was in Lancaster. Earliest meetings recorded here were in 1859, and the Frederick Hebrew Congregation met in the home of the Rabbi. One of the better remembered members was Moses Hutzler who started here in business and later moved his store to Baltimore to become one of Baltimore's leading department stores.

IN. IOR The interior was beautifully redecorated for our National Bicentennial year. Off-white walls are trimmed by light blue mouldings with the windows headed by the Star of David (Mogan David), Natural wood pews and furnishings rest on matching blue carpeting. The ceiling is ornamented by finely moulded medallions and other plaster decor. The edifice is lighted by brass chandeliers.

The front section facing East is occupied by the elevated chancel "Bima" and is separated from the sanctuary by a beamed arch supported by natural wood Ionic columns. Centered and facing the congregation is the "Ark" housed in a temple-like structure with Doric pillars supporting a dentiled pediment. The Ark is covered by a hanging featuring the Torah and the Ten Commandments. On either end of the "Bima" are the U.S. flag and the flag with the "Mogan David."

At the rear wall is the Memorial Board containing bronze plaques of the names of former members with "Yis kar" lights for the intoning of the "Kaddish."

A container for the "Yamulka" (caps) stands at the entrance. (Prayer for the dead on the anniversary).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN		STATE

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